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CESC cracks down on bogus billing

Anti-tampering meter probe gadget to ensure accurate billing

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&BCT)- In an effort to curb revenue leakage at the ground level — where inaccurate or deliberately lowered bills were being issued to consumers — the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has introduced a new technological intervention that automates meter reading and seals loopholes long, exploited for malpractice.

Over 1,000 meter readers across the CESC network are now equipped with a state-of-the-art 'energy meter probe reading device,' replacing traditional manual readings that were vulnerable to human error and manipulation.

The portable device connects directly to digital electricity meters installed at consumer premises. Once attached, it automatically captures consumption data and transfers it via Bluetooth to the handheld billing machine carried by the meter reader.

A tamper-proof system

The Bluetooth integration ensures secure, tamper-proof & swift data transmission. The handheld machine then instantly processes the information and generates an accurate monthly bill on the spot — eliminating the scope for meter readers to alter or understate consumption.

(See CESC on page 6)

Conspiracy to derail Hampi Express foiled

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BCT)- A major attempt to derail the Hampi Express running between Mysuru and Hubballi was foiled on Saturday evening.

At around 6.50 pm, the train had departed Mysuru and was passing near Vandaraguppe between Channapatna and Ramanagara when a loud noise was heard. The loco pilot immediately halted the train and upon inspection, discovered damage to the generator car's diesel tank, causing a fuel leak. Railway officials and Police rushed to the spot and found a thick iron block placed on the tracks, apparently intended to cause the train to derail.

(See HAMPI EXPRESS on page 7)

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Mysuru, Sunday 23rd November 2025

Bhagavad Gita recitation & drawing competitions

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (VNS)- Sri Narayanananda Vishwayoga Ashram will be organising Bhagavad Gita recitation and drawing competitions for school children on Dec. 7 from 9 am at the Ashram premises in Hinkal.

Bhagavad Gita recitation competition will be held in six categories for both boys and girls as follows:

LKG & UKG: 1st Chapter - 7 to 11 shlokas; **1st & 2nd std.:** 3rd Chapter - 9 to 13 shlokas; **3rd & 4th std.:** 4th Chapter - 1 to 5 shlokas; **5th & 6th std.:** 5th Chapter - 11 to 15 shlokas; **7th & 8th std.:** 6th Chapter - 11 to 20 shlokas; **9th & 10th std.:** 12th Chapter - 1 to 10 shlokas.

Drawing competition will be held in the following categories and topics:

LKG, UKG, 1st and 2nd std.: Drawing of their wish; **3rd & 4th std.:** Animals and Birds; **5th & 6th std.:** Animals and Birds in Nature; **7th & 8th std.:** Historical Places in Karnataka; **9th & 10th std.:** From Cleanliness to Yoga.

Participants will be provided only with drawing sheets and other drawing materials should be brought by themselves.

For details, contact Mob: 98804-90014 or 98860-83118 or 99804-61535 or 94498-86387, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BALANCING POSITIVE THINKING WITH HARD WORK: ***People from all walks of life are regaled with success stories, and they are encouraged to polish their attitude and reinforce their mental strength.***

Workshops, personality development courses, counselling sessions, et al are mushrooming all over to revive the upbeat strain in people.

Positive thinking is certainly an important element on the path to success. The world will certainly be a better place if it is populated by optimists as a result of these endeavours.

Yet a casual glance around us will reveal that there is a flip side to this scenario. More and more people are becoming overconfident and disillusioned in the name of positive thinking. They are losing sight of ground realities and live life as if success will unfold if they simply will it to do so.

While it is important to be optimistic, one must not underrate the importance of setting a goal and working on it consistently and sincerely despite the obstacles. Any project, be it at a physical, mental or spiritual level, will not put anyone on the pedestal of success by merely manifesting it in the mind.

So also, when one works only out of a sense of bounden duty, the venture will merely translate into a chore. Hence, a dollop of involvement and passion invested in the activity can fetch us rich laurels.

Kahlil Gibran summed up this thought succinctly when he said, "Work is love made visible." It is common knowledge that earnestness and fervour are components of love. Hence, it is mandatory that work, no matter how trivial it may be, must be treated as a labour of love. The journey of reaching one's target will become enjoyable if it is done with genuine sincerity and passion.

When these essential factors are functional and in place, a positive attitude will act as the soup stone. It will ensure that the individual does not get demoralised or dejected when faced with setbacks or failures. When one happens to be working in a team, then sporting the right spirit will prove to be infectious and will boost the morale all around.

Ninety-nine per cent perspiration and one per cent inspiration is the recipe for success! Hence, positive thinking is like a spice which can flavour the recipe of success; it cannot be used as the main ingredient!

—S. Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest afro hairstyle

New York: A New York woman's afro was certified as the world's largest — measuring 6 feet, 2.87 inches in circumference — and she was officially crowned by her predecessor.

Aevin Dugas, who earned the title for the largest afro on a living person (female) in 2010, visited a New York hair salon to officially pass the torch to new record-holder Jessica L. Martinez.

Martinez's mane of curls measures 11.42 inches tall, 12.2 inches wide and 6 feet, 2.87 inches in circumference. Dugas, who was named a Guinness World Records Icon this year, said she was proud to pass on the title she had held for 15 years. What I hope people will think when they see [us meet] is that at the end of the day, I love myself, she loves herself, and we're both just trying to get people to love themselves," Dugas said.

81 matchsticks inside nostrils!

Sweden: A Swedish man said his kids inspired him to stuff 81 matches up his nostrils and earn a Guinness World Records title in the process.

Martin Ströby, 42, told Guinness World Records his children were enamoured by the latest edition of the organisation's book, and told him it would be "so cool" if he broke a record of his own.

"At first I thought 'I'm not good enough at anything to be the best in the world,' but after my children showed me all the different world records I began thinking I might be able to find one I had a shot at breaking, thus began the search for a suitable one," Ströby said. He landed on the record for the most matches held in the nose, which stood at 68. "After doing the trial run, I discovered I could both stretch my nostrils a lot and ended up taking the record with 81 matches."

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Hi Life Exhibition in city on Nov. 25 and 26

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Experience the spirit of timeless Indian fashion at Hi Life Exhibition to be held on Nov. 25 and 26 at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city.

Discover exquisite couture, elegant designer wear, statement jewellery and much more — all curated to bring you the best of India's luxury lifestyle. Step into a world where craftsmanship meets contemporary style.

Mysureans can indulge in an unforgettable shopping experience on both days between 10 am and 9 pm.

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REALLY...?

- *The "high wheel bicycle" was a popular style in the 1870s. The term "bicycle" was not introduced until the 1860s, when it was coined in France to describe a new kind of two-wheeler with a mechanical drive.*
- *Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia and the United States, covered 40,000 miles. He pedalled about 25,000 miles.*

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Visitor: *Is your father at home?*
John: *Just passed away.*

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1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 89.62**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 117.46**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.41**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 103.19**

VOICE OF THE READER

Railway Station shortcomings: Train traveller's suggestions

Sir,

You have rightly pointed out that autos are affecting the movement of the public near the City Railway Station (**Autos hijack bus bays** in *SOM* dated Nov. 20).

I frequently visit the station to board a train, drop off or pick up a guest. Travel by train has become increasingly popular lately due to the large number of trains available.

There are very trains like the Vande Bharat Express and the Shatabdi Express, which cater to those who can afford higher fares and there are passenger trains for the ordinary masses. So it is no wonder that traffic towards the Railway Station is always high.

I see that the Railway authorities have been continuously upgrading the Station to facilitate passengers. Elevators, escalators and subways have all been installed for their convenience.

Battery-operated vehicles are available for seniors and the physically challenged. The construction of the new exit road, passing the booking counters and avoiding the earlier U-turn, has made exiting the Station smoother. The opening of the west-side gate has also made access easier for the public.

However, there are still some shortcomings that need to be addressed. The pre-paid auto booths at both gates operate irregularly, leading to passengers being fleeced by autowallahs.

Moreover, autos roam around the Station hunting for passengers, hampering the movement of those rushing to board trains. This menace needs to be curbed by the Police on duty.

I also find the two old pillars at the entrance to be major obstructions for vehicles entering the Station. Besides the Circle, there is an auto stand right there. I do not understand the need for this auto stand when a well-planned prepaid stand already exists inside. It has become a major choke point. The broad pillars also occupy considerable space, adding to the woes of those hurrying into the Station. I hope the Railway authorities will remove them in the interest of the public.

There is also a space, part of which is occupied by the Congress Party for its office. This area could be reclaimed and converted into a mini-bus stand or used to accommodate the existing auto stand near the Circle. This would free the Circle and entrance from auto congestion.

And how I wish there had been a Bus Stand in the J.K. Grounds itself, right in front of the Railway Station. This would have greatly benefited the public.

Currently, traffic comes to a halt whenever a bus stops near the Circle to pick up passengers. I hope my suggestions will be considered by the decision-makers.

—P.L. Jothindra

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21st Convocation of KSOU

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BS)- The 21st Annual Convocation of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, has been scheduled to be held in January 2026. According to a press release from the Registrar (Evaluation), KSOU, the candidates who got admitted for BA, B.Com, in the academic year (January cycle) 2021-22 and passed within September 2025 examination, are eligible to apply.

So also, the candidates who got admitted to MA (Non CBCS) Urdu, Sanskrit, Public Administration, Journalism and Mass Communication, in the academic year (July cycle) 2022-23 and passed within September 2025, are eligible for the Convocation.

Candidates who got admitted to all MA, M.Com, MBA, M.Sc (CBCS) programmes and MA (Non CBCS) programmes — Urdu, Sanskrit, Public Administration, Journalism and Mass Communication and B. Ed programmes in academic year (January cycle) 2022-23 & passed within September 2025 exam, are also eligible.

Candidates who have admitted to M.Lib I.Sc, B.Lib I.Sc and PG Diploma programmes in academic year 2023-24 (January cycle) and completed within September 2025 examination, can also apply.

The degrees can be obtained either in person or in absentia, by applying in prescribed format through online mode only on ***www.ksoumysuru.ac.in***

The fees for gold medallists, cash prize winners, PG candidates with outstanding, first class, exemplary, first class distinction and Ph.D awardees is Rs. 1,350. For obtaining degree certificate in absentia, UG and PG degree and Ph.D awardees, should pay Rs. 1,700.

The last date for payment of fees in person only, without fine is Dec. 15 and with fine of Rs. 100 is Dec. 20, the press release added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Table Tennis Tournament

9SPORTZ is organising a table tennis tournament on Nov. 30 at Mahaveer Vidya Mandir, Srirampura, Mysuru. The tournament aims to promote table tennis among students, enthusiasts and veterans in the region. The tournament will feature the following categories: Under 11 Boys and Girls; Under 13 Boys and Girls; Under 16 Boys and Girls; Above 50 Open; Above 60 Open; Above 65 Open. Last date for registration is Nov. 28. Interested may call Mob: 83747-00693 or 90084-90791 [WhatsApp only].

Ayurveda camp

Government Ayurveda Hospital, New Sayyaji Rao Road, will be conducting a medical camp for Leg Ulcer and Varicose Veins from Nov. 24 to 28 at Shalya Tantra OPD Room No. 6 from 9 am to 4 pm. [Mob: 86183-32184, 86603-38841]

Ph.D awardee

M. Manjunath has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Effect of Social Media on the Users of Mysore University Libraries: A Study' [Guide: Dr. Khaiser Jahn Begum]

Girl student injured as autorickshaw topples after hitting bike

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (KS)- A girl student sustained fracture of the shoulder bone when the autorickshaw she was travelling hit the bike which was moving ahead and toppled on the road. The incident took place on Nov. 19 at about 7.30 am in N.R. Mohalla.

The girl student, a resident of Rajendranagar, who was pursuing her first year engineering course was on her way to the college in the auto, when the auto driver, who was said to be driving in a rash and negligent manner hit the bike which was moving ahead of the auto in N.R. Mohalla resulting in the auto driver losing control of the auto which toppled.

The girl, who sustained serious injuries, was admitted to a private hospital, where the doctors who examined her found that she had sustained a fracture to her shoulder bone and performed a surgery.

Based on the complaint from the girl's father, N.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

'PM Modi's Viksit Bharat concept stems from Swami Vivekananda's spiritual foundation'

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (PM&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, has opined that, Viksit Bharat, the ambitious concept of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stems from the spiritual thoughts of Swami Vivekananda.

Yaduveer Wadiyar, as a chief guest, was speaking at a session on the topic 'Analysis of Ramakrishna Vidyalaya's Academic Services: The Contribution of Mysore Royal Family for the Thoughts of Swami Vivekananda and Ramakrishna Paramahamsa,' organised as part of the centenary year celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, in city yesterday.

"Mysuru, aims to be a developed city among Viksit Bharat. The thoughts of Swami Vivekananda still hold relevance and the essence of old Mysuru culture can be still experienced in Sri Ramakrishna Ashram. The spiritual and academic environment of yore, along with the amenities to lead a quality life, can be still witnessed in both the school and ashram," he said.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say, Swami Vivekananda, had a bigger influence in Mysore Kingdom, becoming popular for its administrative acumen. The genus of Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, also lies in Swami Vivekananda, as the latter had discussed with JRD Tata (Founder of Tata Institute of Science which later became IISc).

"Tata, while discussing with Swami Vivekananda, had told how his proposal had met with a cold response, from the Governments of all provinces. Swami Vivekananda, had directed Tata towards Mysore province, assuring a positive response. It was how IISc was established."

It is known to all, Swami Vivekananda, had visited Mysuru, during the reign of Chamaraja Wadiyar X. The Maharaja, breathed his last in Kolkata, and the epitaph stands there still and is revered as 'Mysore Temple.' It gives a feeling that, Maharaja is nestled in the environs of Belur Math (the headquarters of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Belur in Kolkata.

A documentary titled 'Sri Ramakrishna Ashram's 100 years' that provided an insight into the visit of Swamiji Vivekananda to Mysuru, three-acre land granted by erstwhile Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for the Ashram and the evolution of Ashram as a centre of faith and devotion.

The students displayed their oratory skills, by analysing the letter correspondence between Swami Vivekananda and then Dewan Seshadri Iyer.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, receiving the honour, during the march past by the students of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala stadium, in the city yesterday as (from left) Principal of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala T.K. Chandrashekar, Niti Aayog CEO B.V. Subrahmanyam, Swami Muktidanandaji and Finance Department Principal-Secretary Ritesh Kumar Singh look on.

M.N. Tanmay, a student of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, who had scored 100 percent marks in SSLC exams, was honoured with Best Achiever Gold Medal. Srinivas Achar, an alumnus of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, who is presently pursuing his Engineering degree, was honoured with Best Personality Gold Medal.

Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Principal-Secretary of the Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, Ritesh Kumar Singh were the chief guests.

President of Mysuru Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Swami Muktidanandaji, Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Swami Yukteshanandaji and Principal T.K. Chandrashekar were present.

Students acrobatics steal the show

As part of the centenary year celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru and platinum jubilee celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, the students of Vidyashala, mesmerised the audience with their skills in acrobatics and various other arts at the school stadium.

While one team of students, showed their skills in bandset, another team performed acrobatics. The march past, in sync with the bandset and students performing various acts with a reflective foldable stick, akin to torchlight parade, received applause from the gathering.

Over 410 students, performed with grace and dignity, braving the sudden downpour.

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who was scheduled to take part as a chief guest, was conspicuous by her absence. However, the Minister had sent a message, that was read before the gathering.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala students performing acrobatics and a show with reflective sticks at the Vidyashala Stadium.

Congress resumes 'Vote Chori' signature campaign

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (GA&DM)- The City and District Congress resumed the party's 'Vote Chori' (Vote theft) signature campaign in city with N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait launching the campaign in Vidyanagar on Bannur Road yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sait said AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had earlier highlighted how 'Vote theft' happened in Mahadevapura Assembly segment of Bengaluru and Haryana Assembly polls and this has also been brought to the notice of the Election Commission of India (ECI) with proof. However, this 'Vote Chori' has continued as this is very much evident in the just concluded Bihar Assembly polls.

"The ECI in the name of SIR (Special Intensive Revision) of electoral rolls, dropped as many as 64 lakh voters from the electoral rolls of Bihar before the Assembly polls there. The ECI has not given any reason for the deletion. This apart, the BJP had credited Rs.10,000 to the account of each of the women voters of Bihar, which is a clear violation of the Model Code of Conduct. But the ECI did not take any action in this regard," Sait said, while accusing the ECI of behaving in a partisan manner.

Now it has been planned to collect 80,000 signatures in N.R. Assembly segment in the second leg of the campaign, he said.

City Congress President R. Murthy, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, former Minister Kote M. Shivanna and others were present.

Viveka Yatre taken out on major city roads

Four-day centenary celebrations of RK Ashram to conclude tomorrow

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram-Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji** (middle) **taking part in the procession, organised as part of Viveka Yatre, in city yesterday. Picture right shows an individual dressed as Swami Vivekananda, the idols of Swami Vivekananda and Lord Sri Krishna being taken out in the procession.

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (GA&BS)- As part of the centenary year celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru, Viveka Yatre was taken out on a grand scale, in major thoroughfares of the city yesterday.

The Yatre, including hundreds of followers of Ramakrishna Mission, was flagged off from the Viveka Memorial on Narayan Shastri Road in city.

The idol of Lord Sri Krishna playing the flute, along with a cow, was placed on a chariot, specially decorated for the occasion. The idol of Swami Vivekananda was carried in a vehicle. An individual, dressed as Swami Vivekananda, was the cynosure of all eyes at the procession.

The Yatre passed through Devaraj Urs Road, Dewan's Road, Shivarampet and Santhepet, before culminating near Sadvidya School.

Prior to Viveka Yatre, former MLC G. Madhusudan addressed the gathering at the premises of Sadvidya School.

"India, is inching towards becoming a Vishwaguru, the foundation for which was laid precisely by the popular address of Swami Vivekananda at Chicago Convention. The India, at present, is focused on development, becoming an economically empowered nation. The present generation, especially the students, should involve in understanding and practicing the message of Swami Vivekananda," asserted G. Madhusudhan.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa said, the Hindu Sanatana Dharma is stronger, which is evident with this ongoing event of the Ashram, which is indeed a matter of praise.

"The India and Indians are specially recognised, the credit of which goes to Swami Vivekananda, for playing a pivotal role in making Indians proud, earning immense respect. The life of Swami Vivekananda is a model for us Indians and it is our duty to remember the great personality daily," observed Srivatsa.

The 4-day celebrations will conclude tomorrow with 'Samarpana Samavesha,' a symbolic offering of 100 years of service to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna and 'Viveka Gatha,' a multimedia cultural event on the making of Vivekananda & his inspiring message.

Tourist info boards installed at City Railway Station

SWR plans video guides for visitors

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (GA&BS)- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has introduced new facilities to help visitors explore major tourist destinations in and around the city. A detailed information board featuring photographs of attractions along with route maps has been installed on the station premises.

The board lists key tourist spots and their distance from the railway station, including Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, Railway Museum, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), St. Philomena's Church, Jaganmohan Palace, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, and KRS Dam.

It also provides essential visitor information such as opening and closing hours, weekly holidays and directions to City Bus Stand, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Airport and pre-paid auto services.

Additionally, a 'Margadarshak' Smart Digital Navigation System poster has been put up inside the station. Visitors can scan the QR code to access details about emergency services, amenities for the specially-abled, lifts, administrative offices, food stalls, drinking water points, rest rooms, ticket counters, toilets, ATMs and entry/exit points.

SWR Mysuru Division Public Relations Officer Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda said that short 15-second video clips showcasing tourist spots and city routes will soon be produced for easy reference. These clips will be played on TV screens installed on the platforms, he added.

Nypunya school students exhibit their farming skills

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (GA&DM)- Students of the city's Nypunya School of Excellence, Kanakadasanagar (Dattagalli), exhibited their farming skills as Ambassadors of farming, in the school campus on Saturday.

Harita Education Solution, an Agricultural start-up, had taught the school students on growing a variety of vegetables, grains such as Ragi, Maize and Jowar and other cereal crops.

Upon getting trained, the students grew several crops and displayed the yield in the school campus, which mesmerised the parents and the visitors alike.

Joint Director of Horticulture Manjunath Angadi, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, called upon educational Institutions to incorporate agricultural activities along with academics in the school curriculum.

Mysuru Akashavani Co-ordinator Keshava Murthy, in his address, said that the world is facing a food crisis right now and hence it is necessary to make the present generation ready to face the challenges in food security and farming sector.

The event also featured an exhibition on Apiculture (Bee-keeping), display of farmer-friendly insects and flies, compost manufacture, insects and pests eating plants etc.

School Chairman Raghu R. Kautilya, Principal M.N. Mahendra, faculty Yogitha, Shilpa and Reshma Rai, Agricultural Scientist Dr. C.A. Deepak and others were present.

1867 Mysore Silk saree anchors Akshata Murty's new series

Akshata Murty, entrepreneur and wife of former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, explaining about Mysore Silk saree to foreigners. PICTURE RIGHT: *Akshata Murty, draped in a blue Mysore Silk saree, seen with her husband.*

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BLU&BCT)- Akshata Murty, entrepreneur and wife of former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, has launched a cultural initiative to showcase the grandeur of Mysuru's royal heritage and the elegance of Mysore Silk sarees to global audiences.

Through a special video series created in collaboration with London's prestigious Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum, she is spotlighting India's rich traditions and masterful craftsmanship.

Titled "Stories + 10 Objects," the series highlights ten curated artefacts from South Asia, with Mysuru's legacy taking centre stage. From royal-era toy chests to the iconic Mysore Silk saree, each object is presented as a testament to India's timeless creativity and cultural depth.

Akshata Murty — daughter of Infosys Founders N.R. Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty and a Trustee of the V&A Museum — brings a deeply personal connection to the project, rooted in her Mysuru heritage. In one episode, she recalls the fragrance of a mango tree from her grandfather's home, linking that memory to a traditional Indian perfume featured in the series.

Mysore Silk saree from 1867

Among the ten artefacts, one piece resonates with her the most: A Mysore Silk saree from 1867. More than just a museum exhibit, it represents continuity — the living legacy of Karnataka's thriving silk industry. "My father is from Mysore and I spent much of my childhood visiting its Palaces and artisans," Akshata said.

"The saree in the V&A Museum is an ancestor of the Mysore Silk industry, which still employs thousands today."

Renowned for its subtle sheen, zari borders and regal drape, the Mysore Silk saree was once reserved for royalty under the Wadiyar dynasty. Today, it remains a symbol of elegance and exceptional craftsmanship.

For Akshata, wearing it is both homage and identity. She recalls lighting diyas outside 10 Downing Street during Deepavali, draped in a blue Mysore Silk saree paired with a Gandaberunda pendant — the emblem of the Wadiyars — a moment she describes as "bringing her roots into a global space."

Akshata Murty's effort comes at a time when many Indians abroad gravitate toward Western cultural norms, often distancing themselves from their heritage. Her initiative stands out as a heartfelt tribute to Indian traditions, intended to inspire pride and global recognition for Mysuru's cultural treasures.

Through the series, the V&A Museum will also spotlight historical artefacts from the Mysore royal era, further elevating the global profile of Mysore Silk and its enduring legacy.

Mysore Silk's fortunes take a turn around

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BLU&BCT)- A few years ago, Mysore Silk sarees were battling dwindling demand, pushing the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) into financial distress.

Officials struggled to revive sales, even travelling to countries like Dubai to promote the sarees. The efforts, however, yielded little success, and mounting travel and logistics expenses became an additional burden. Allegations of corruption also emerged, including a suspicious fire in the records room believed to have been deliberately set.

Today, the fortunes of Mysore Silk sarees have completely transformed. Demand has surged so sharply that supply can no longer keep up. Customers wait in long queues for hours, yet many still return empty-handed.

The cultural and aesthetic significance of Mysore Silk is now gaining wide recognition, with tourists — both domestic and international — showing even greater enthusiasm than locals to purchase the sarees.

The saree's distinct qualities drive the renewed craze. Mysore Silk is renowned for its pure gold and silver zari, which sets it apart from other varieties. Despite its premium price, demand remains exceptionally strong.

Compared to silk sarees from other Indian States, Mysore Silk stands out for its softness, lustrous finish, intricate zari craftsmanship and regal designs. The zari used contains approximately 65 percent pure silver and 0.65 percent gold.

Established in 1912 by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the then Maharaja of Mysore, KSIC pioneered the production of Mysore Silk sarees. Today, these sarees remain among the most prestigious — and most expensive — textiles in India.

CESC cracks down on bogus billing

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"Till now, the meter reading process was manual and prone to errors. There were instances where meter readers deliberately reduced the consumption figures and issued smaller bills. With the 'energy meter probe reading device', exact meter reading is captured and mirrored simultaneously on the reader's handheld device, CESC website and the probe device itself," CESC Managing Director K.M. Munigopalraju told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

The system, introduced three months ago, has stabilised after initial glitches. According to the MD, the device has already tightened transparency, improved consumer trust and significantly strengthened operational efficiency.

Digital transformation

"This marks a major leap in digital transformation for utility services. By embracing technology, we are setting a benchmark for other utilities while enhancing customer satisfaction," he noted.

Probe-based readings eliminate transcription errors common in manual recording. "We have seen a 10 to 20 percent rise in meter readings over the past three months — a significant gain," Munigopalraju revealed.

The devices also provide accurate readings in low-light or challenging environments, unlike visual checks. Their non-invasive nature makes tampering far more difficult. All energy meters can be read via probe technology, allowing the retrieval of actual maximum demand and power factor.

"This device curbs malpractices completely. There can no longer be any gap between consumption, sale and revenue. Under-reading is impossible. The initiative will enhance the company's income," the CESC MD added.

Eligibility norms tightened for Gruha Jyothi scheme

One unit above 200 and entire bill becomes payable

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&BCT)- The Gruha Jyothi scheme — a flagship pre-election promise of the Congress Government — originally assured 200 units of free electricity per RR number. However, subsequent guideline revisions have sharply narrowed its scope and tightened eligibility.

Under the new rules, the scheme comes with a strict condition: If a household consumes even one unit above 200, it loses eligibility for the zero bill. Beneficiaries who cross the 200-unit cap must pay the entire bill, not just the excess.

Eligibility also hinges on the consumer's average monthly consumption. Households whose average exceeds 200 units automatically lose access to the full benefit.

For new connections with no usage history, the free quota is calculated using a standard baseline — around 53 units (or 58–59 units with the 10 percent allowance) — and does not immediately rise to 200 units. Only after one full year of consumption can the average be recalculated and revised upward.

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Managing Director K.M. Munigopalraju told *Star of Mysore*, "If a person has an average consumption of 100 units per month and tries to increase usage up to 200 units to claim the scheme benefits, he or she will not be eligible. The bill is calculated strictly on average consumption. The 10-month average must remain below 200 units, with a grace concession of 10 units."

Even for eligible consumers, the rules remain stringent. If monthly usage exceeds the calculated average, the difference must be paid. And if consumption crosses 200 units in any month, the entire bill becomes payable.

Importantly, reducing consumption below 200 units in just one month does not restore eligibility. The Government reviews 10 months of consumption history before granting or adjusting benefits under the scheme.

Sansad Khel Mahotsav

146 kids take part in Cyclothon

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (MTY&KS)- From bicycles with support wheels to regular bicycles, 146 children took part in the Kids Cyclothon, a cycling competition organised as part of Sansad Khel Mahotsav (MP's Sports Festival) with the theme 'Fit Yuva For Vikasit Bharat' and Children's Day by Mysuru District Amateur Cycling Association (MDACA) and the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM), here this morning.

Sansad Khel Mahotsav is a sports and fitness festival aimed at promoting a sporting culture and leadership among children and youth. The objective of this event is to bring the community together through sports and fitness and to take the message of 'Fit India' to every home.

The Kids Cyclothon was flagged off by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in front of the UoM Clock Tower in Manasagangothri campus.

Speaking before flagging off the Cyclothon, MP Yaduveer said that various sporting events have been held so far as part of MP's Sports Festival and Cyclothon for kids was being held today.

More such sporting activities will be held in the days to come with support from the Centre, he added.

Pointing out that everyone should take part in sporting activities especially cycling as it helps to keep fit and healthy, MP Yaduveer said that using bicycles will also help to prevent pollution and keep the environment clean.

The competition was held in four categories — Under-6; Under-8; Under-10 and Under-12 years — for both boys and girls.

While medals and certificates were presented to the first three winners in all four categories, certificates were given to all the participants.

WINNERS

Under-6 - Boys (1-km): 1. Skanda Kowshik, 2. C. Aryan Surya and 3. Syed Zuhairuddin Khilji; **Girls - (1-km):** 1. Lahari Poovaiah, 2. Kushi Chethan and 3. Aanya Lokesh.

Under-8 - Boys (2-km): 1. Mohammed Mehran, 2. D.M. Rishank and 3. Syed Zaiduddin Khilji; **Girls (2-km):** 1. Chavi Rao, 2. Venba Prakash and 3. Diya Solanki.

Under-10 - Boys (3-km): 1. Rishabh Khandagale, 2. Vihaan Mandanna and 3. Savio Paul; **Girls (1.5-km):** 1. K.D. Tashi, 2. H.N. Nyjasiri and 3. Pehal Jain.

Under-12 - Boys (6-km): 1. Jashmith Yashavanth Pawar, 2. G. Mohith Prasad and 3. Gyan Ganapathi; **Girls (3-km):** 1. Emaya Prakash, 2. Archa Siveej and 3. M. Charvi.

MDACA Hon. President Ramesh Narasaiah, President Arun Patil, Vice-Presidents B. Manjunath & Nagabhushan, Secretary N. Lokesh, Joint Secretary R. Neelameghasham, Treasurer M.V. Suhruth Jamadagni, Organising Secretary A.V. Sajan, BJP leader Dr. Sushrutha Gowda and others were present during the occasion.

Hampi Express plot foiled

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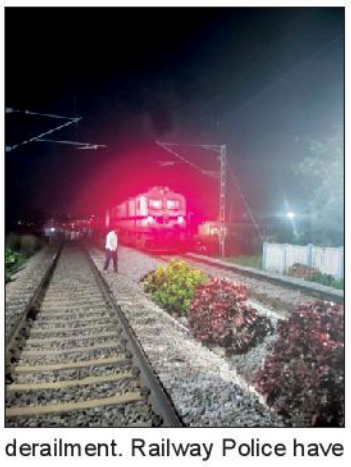
Later, an additional engine was brought from Hejjala Station and attached to the train, allowing operations to resume. Thanks to the loco pilot's quick response in stopping the train, a major disaster was averted.

The incident, which occurred close to a railway gate, left passengers anxious and staff alarmed. The process of attaching a replacement engine took nearly two hours, leading to delays for the Hampi Express as well as other trains running between Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Authorities suspect miscreants deliberately placed the iron block on the tracks to cause the



derailment. Railway Police have launched an investigation.

This is not the first such incident near Vandaraguppe. In July, the Mysuru–Udaipur Express engine had suddenly caught fire in the same area, delaying services by nearly four hours.

Mega rally marks 77th NCC Day celebrations

NCC Cadets learn essence of patriotism and service at school level: MP

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BLU&DM)- "NCC Cadets learn the essence of patriotism and service at the school level itself. Therefore, it is important to create awareness among all students about joining the NCC to gain valuable exposure to national service," said MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the 77th NCC (National Cadet Corps) Day celebrations organised by the NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru, at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road this morning.

"It can be said that the NCC forms the backbone of the country's Armed Forces, as many officers and other personnel receive their foundational training here," Yaduveer noted.

Pointing out that an NCC Academy is coming up at Alanahalli in Mysuru, he added that plans are reportedly underway to establish an NCC Cyber Cadet Corps, with Bengaluru-Mysuru proposed as a future national hub for cyber training, civil-military fusion, and youth skilling in emerging domains.

The event featured prize distribution to outstanding Cadets and a variety of cultural programmes presented by Cadets of the NCC Group, Mysuru, which covers five districts.

Col. Rohit Thakur, Group Commander, NCC Headquarters, Mysuru, was the guest of honour.

Earlier, a mega rally, comprising over 1,200 NCC Cadets and officers, was taken out from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole Circle) on JLB Road to Kalamandira. Before the rally commenced, Cadets offered floral tributes to the statue of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa.

Those present included Col. Hitesh Kala, Training Officer, NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru; Col. S.J.S. Sandhar, Commanding Officer, 13 Karnataka Battalion NCC and Administrative Officer Lt. Col. Y.K. Sanjeev; Col. Siddarth Vatsayan, Commanding Officer, 14 Karnataka Battalion, and Administrative Officer Lt. Col. Sandeep; Col. Vivek Savanagouder, Commanding Officer, 16 Karnataka Battalion; Col. C.P.S. Soemwal, Commanding Officer, 3 Karnataka Girls Battalion; Lt. Col. Ananta, Commanding Officer, 1 Karnataka Engineer Company; Group Captain (Retd.) Nanjan Saravanan, NCC; Dr. Anil Thomas, President, Alumni of 4 Kar Air Squadron NCC; Founder and Secretary Uma Venkatesh; Organising Committee Head Panduranga Rao; Fg. Officer Mohit, M.P. Shamala and others.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Where are the real DOG-LOVERS?

The vexing and all too real street dog problem, widely prevalent across the country, seems to be defying a workable solution, thanks to the opposing interests of the dog-fearing and the dog-loving groups.

It is strange that we are unable to come up with a practicable compromise formula, acceptable to all, although we are well-known for making compromises of every kind and coexisting with many other problems, of a much greater magnitude in our daily lives.

On one side of the divide are completely helpless citizens, plagued day and night, by the problems and perils posed by the presence of vicious street dogs, some of which can even be rabid and who want some semblance of safety and tranquillity in their lives. On the other side are dog-lovers and animal rights activists who are opposed to any of the really effective measures to control them and contain their ever-growing population.

That the population of street dogs is only showing an upward trend is an established fact, supported by statistics which clearly indicate that all our present strategies to contain it are not being of much use.

This alone should be an indicator that we are not on the right path to achieving our goal. But when you also take into account the other irrefutable fact that many citizens are regularly being attacked by vicious street dogs each passing day, resulting even in many deaths, it is an indication that the not-so-harsh and dog-friendly approach advocated by dog-lovers and animal rights activists needs to be changed to something more stringent and effective.

Mind you, it has been estimated that nearly 1.7 crore people are bitten by stray dogs while 20,000 of them die of rabies in India every year. This translates into 46,000 dog bites and 55 deaths in our country every day.

Staggering statistics indeed but sadly, still insufficient enough to change the mindsets and stands of some people, who seem to be able to understand only the animal side of the equation, while being insensitive to its human side.

Thankfully, the Supreme Court took cognisance of this problem and passed an order recently that all stray dogs should be permanently impounded in dog shelters created by government agencies. This would have been the most effective permanent solution but when this resulted in a huge hue and cry that it was too harsh a measure, the Court modified its order and said that all strays should be captured, spayed, de-wormed, immunised and left back into their former territories.

A little later, when things did not seem to be moving as expected, it even summoned the Chief Secretaries of many States to appear before it at 10.30 am on Nov. 3 and explain what action they had taken to implement this order and why it was not showing any results.

It took such a serious view of a lapse which it said was having a negative impact on the image of the country, that it rejected their requests for their virtual appearances and insisted on their physical presence. It is notable that only the Chief Secretaries of just two States — Telangana and West Bengal — were exempted from this appearance because they had filed their compliance reports.

Now, in its most recent order, the Apex Court has mandated that all institutions, both government and private, within all Urban Local Bodies, across the country, should take the responsibility of informing the civic authorities about the number of stray dogs in their premises so that they can be picked up by their teams for sterilisation.

But in the case of dogs picked up from institutions, unlike in the case of dogs picked up from the streets, the Court has said that they should be held in dog shelters instead of being left free in their usual haunts. This makes it a very effective order but the difficulty that arises here is that because the Court has ordered that these institutions are to themselves bear the cost of this process, some of them may not do it with the required amount of sincerity and earnestness.

It is already a well-known fact that across the country, many of the NGOs and other agencies that have been vested with the responsibility of sterilising stray dogs are not doing an effective job. It has even been alleged that many of them are only fudging their records to show more sterilisations than what they actually do, to create fake bills and collect more money from the government.

This allegation seems to be largely true because we are regularly seeing the so-called sterilised stray dogs, which are marked as such with their ear tips nipped, continuing to have litters every few months, in the localities where they are released.

This would not have been the case if there were no flaws in the performance of the system vested with this responsibility. While we can all hope that with the latest directive being a Supreme Court order, we can expect to see some change, there are a few questions that come to my mind.

When there are so many people who oppose any of the so-called harsher measures to contain the stray dog population and who advocate extreme compassion, why are there hardly any people willing to adopt street dogs and have them as pets in their own homes? This would undisputedly be the most compassionate, easy and soul-satisfying thing to do for any real dog-lover and it will be the best long-term solution to the problem of strays.

But when we find hardly any takers for this easy solution to the stray dog problem, it only shows that all those who take up a stand in their defence are doing so only to be seen as dog-lovers, without really being so. Why is it that people go to any length or any expense to have a pure-blooded pet dog but shun its humble but equally lovable sibling on the street, expecting it to get its care, food and shelter from someone else or brave the elements and fend for itself? **Does this not smack of discrimination, based on despicable double standards? Do think about it!**

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Dog-bite deaths: Rs. 5 lakh relief

Government revises compensation structure

File photo

Rs. 5,000 for non-fatal dog bites

Bengaluru, Nov. 23 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government has introduced a revised compensation structure for stray dog bite cases across all Municipal Corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

The updated order, dated Nov. 18, 2025, replaces key portions of the earlier notification issued on Oct. 30, 2023, and aims to ensure quicker financial aid and smoother access to emergency treatment.

Under the new norms, the State has standardised the payout for non-fatal dog bite incidents. Individuals who suffer puncture wounds, deep bruises, lacerations or multiple bites will now be eligible for a total relief amount of Rs. 5,000.

Of this, Rs. 3,500 will be paid directly to victim by Urban Development Department. At the same time, the remaining Rs. 1,500 will be deposited with the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust to support immediate medical attention — particularly in private hospitals where victims often struggle with upfront expenses.

Officials said the revised structure is intended to avoid delays in treatment and ensure that those unable to pay initially at private facilities receive timely medical care without hesitation.

For severe cases, the Government has fixed a uniform compensation of Rs. 5 lakh for families of individuals who die due to stray dog attacks or from rabies contracted through such bites.

The enhanced support is expected to provide some relief to grieving families while signalling the Government's response to rising public concern over dog attack incidents in urban areas.

Along with financial reforms, the order mandates the formation of a dedicated committee in every GBA jurisdiction. The committee will verify cases, confirm eligibility and ensure that compensation is released without unnecessary delays — an effort to improve accountability and reduce prolonged processing time for victims.

P. Mallesh shaped my journey: CM rues enduring caste divide

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (SPN&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah went down the memory lane, recalling his long association with veteran socialist P. Mallesh, who passed away in January 2023.

He was speaking after releasing two books authored by Mallesh — 'Gandhi Praneeta Dharmadarshitva and Buddha Nagarjunara Shunyayana' — along with their English translations, 'The Gandhian Trusteeship' by N.S. Raghuram and 'Buddha Nagarjuna's Journey of Void' by Savitha Pa. Mallesh.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releasing the translated English books, originally authored by veteran socialist late P. Mallesh, in Kannada, at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri in the city recently, as others look on.

The event was part of a national seminar organised by the Federation of Progressive Thinkers, in association with Gandhi Vichar Parishat and the Mysore University Researchers Association, at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, yesterday.

"Mallesh was my guide and mentor. I came into contact with him while studying law. I would attend class for an hour and spend the rest of the day with him, often bunking classes," Siddaramaiah recalled. "I spent hours at the printing press heran, engaged in meaningful discussions and planning movements." He also recounted a protest they staged at K.R. Circle.

Siddaramaiah added that Mallesh had urged him to revoke the prohibition on protests at K.R. Circle after he became Chief Minister, but he could not do so.

Upliftment of marginalised groups

Though born a Lingayat, Mallesh never believed in the caste system, Siddaramaiah noted, adding that the veteran socialist should not have passed away so soon. "Six months before his death, I met him and his daughter Savitha at Nrupathunga Kannada School — that turned out to be our last meeting," he said. For nearly four decades, Mallesh had led numerous protests rooted in humanitarian causes.

Mallesh had a deep and lasting association with AHINDA communities, driven by his conviction to bring marginalised groups into the mainstream. Siddaramaiah observed that while India's literacy rate has risen from 14 percent at Independence to 78 percent today, the caste system continues to survive — and, alarmingly, is still upheld even by the educated.

"Since the days of revolutionary Basavanna, we have been speaking of eliminating caste, but the system persists," Siddaramaiah lamented.

He said Mallesh, an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi and Ram Manohar Lohia, often expressed regret that despite progress, society continues to nurture divisions and caste-based discrimination.

Election expenses and Mallesh

I had contested the Assembly elections in 1983-84 and had entrusted my poll funds to P. Mallesh. After the elections, Mallesh – who had meticulously maintained the list of expenses – returned the remaining Rs. 1.75 lakh to me, unlike many others. To recall another noble gesture, when I was dropped from Chief Minister Ramakrishna Hegde's Cabinet in 1986, I was travelling by a KSRTC bus. Mallesh and his friends, on learning about it, pooled Rs. 75,000 and bought an Ambassador car for me. I used that same car until I became the Finance Minister in 1994. Mallesh's daughter, Savitha Mallesh, has inherited those same values."

– CM Siddaramaiah

Protesters demand review of SC ruling on stray dogs

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (VVH&BCT)- People for Animals (PFA) Mysore, in collaboration with Mysuru's animal-rights activists, organised a candlelight march titled 'Pawsitive March' last evening at Cheluvamba Park, V.V. Mohalla, standing in solidarity with community dogs across India.

The protest followed the Supreme Court's interim order of Nov. 7, 2025, mandating the removal of stray dogs from schools, hospitals, railway stations and other key public spaces — a directive with far-reaching implications for animal welfare nationwide.

Participants raised slogans and marched with candles around the premises. The demonstration drew support not only from local activists but also from foreign nationals and dog lovers.

Addressing the gathering, Colonel Dr. Nawaz Sharif, Managing Director of PFA Bengaluru (Wildlife), argued that forcing the relocation of stray dogs to shelters undermines the principles of humane coexistence.

He said, the judgment was "unjust" and insisted that community dogs do not pose unnecessary threats to humans. Removing them, he warned, would trigger ecological imbalance, paving the way for monkeys, rats and other wildlife to encroach into human settlements. A surge in rat populations, he cautioned, could even raise the risk of diseases like plague.

He added that, PFA will file a review petition in the Supreme Court on Nov. 27, challenging the order. Activists demanded an immediate review of directives that overlook the ABC Rules, 2023, scientific evidence and established global best practices.

They called for compassionate, lawful and sustainable approaches to managing community dogs and vowed to continue engaging with civic bodies, legal institutions and the public to ensure that empathy prevails over fear, misinformation and institutional insensitivity.

The protest witnessed participation from PFA Mysore Founder and Trustee Savitha Nagabhushana, Dr. Raj Premi Shetty, Dr. Amardeep, environmental activist Malini Palaksha, KRS Party President Sudhakar Sudhi, Kavya Chandrashekar, artist Stanny and several others.

Pedestrian killed in accident

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (KS)- A pedestrian, who had sustained serious injuries after a speeding car hit him on the Outer Ring Road and admitted to a private hospital, has succumbed to injuries at the hospital on Nov. 19 night.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammed Nadeem (34), a resident of Hanumanthanagar at Bannimantap in city.

On Nov. 19 at about 11 pm, Nadeem was walking towards Narayana Hospital on the Outer Ring Road, when a speeding car coming from Devegowda Circle, hit Nadeem and sped away. Nadeem, who sustained serious injuries, was admitted to Narayana Hospital, where he succumbed to injuries sometime later.

Passersby had noted down the car's registration number and based on it, Nadeem's brother has lodged a complaint at N.R. Traffic Police Station.

Following the complaint, the Police, who have registered a case have launched a search to trace the car.

Pending power bill: Two CESC staff assaulted

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (KS)- A power consumer allegedly abused and assaulted two staff of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Ltd., who asked him to clear the pending electricity bill.

The incident took place in Kalyangiri Nagar on Friday afternoon and the CESC staff who were assaulted are Junior Power Man Manjunath and Temporary Gangman Nandeesh.

On Friday afternoon, Manjunath and Nandeesh went to the house of one Rashid in Kalyangiri and asked him to pay the pending bill amount of Rs. 4,509.

Irked over this, Rashid allegedly abused Manjunath using foul language and assaulted him. When Nandeesh was recording the incident on his mobile phone, Rashid assaulted him too and threatened the duo of dire consequence, if they showed up again.

Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

WORD OF THE DAY

Serendipity

Pronunciation: sair-un-DIP-uh-tee (noun).
Meaning: Serendipity refers to luck that takes the form of finding valuable or pleasant things that are not looked for, or to an instance of such luck.
Origin: The word serendipity did not come about by luck; rather, it was intentionally coined by 18th century author Horace Walpole, who was eager to share a happenstance discovery he had made while researching a coat of arms. In a letter to his friend Horace Mann he wrote: "This discovery indeed is almost of that kind which I call Serendipity, a very expressive word, which ... I shall endeavor to explain to you: you will understand it better by the derivation than by the definition. I once read a silly fairy tale, called 'The Three Princes of Serendip': as their highnesses travelled, they were always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things they were not in quest of ..." Walpole's memory of the tale (which, as luck would have it, was not quite accurate) gave serendipity the meaning it retains to this day.
Example: "For new music, I rely on ... radio shows like 'Late Junction,' straight-up luck and serendipity, and my wife, who has impeccable taste." — Liam Brickhill, LitHub.com, 5 Dec. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Saltativeness

Ability to jump.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Son of a gun

Meaning: The phrase 'Son of a gun' is used to describe a despicable or worthless person, usually male. The term can also be used as an exclamation that indicates surprise. It is sometimes used to compliment or encourage.
Origin: The phrase 'Son of a gun' originated in the British Royal Navy during the 1800s, when Naval officers were allowed to have their wives accompany them to sea, and babies born aboard ship were delivered in the spaces between the broadside guns. The term applied to boys born at sea and was slightly contemptuous.
Example: "That son of a gun tried to steal my car from my driveway!"

QUOTE BOX

Blaming guns for killing people is like blaming pencils for bad spelling.

—Larry the Cable Guy

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Arch-enemy.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	4	2	9	8	7	6	3	5
3	2	1	4	9	8	5	6	7
9	6	7	1	2	5	3	8	4
4	5	8	7	6	3	1	2	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Simon of Simon & Garfunkel
5 French month
8 "Love _ _" (Beatles song) (2,2)
12 Diarist Frank
13 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
14 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
15 Raise to third power
16 Royal Air Force, acronym
17 Chance in a game
18 Atmospheric Press. Ionisation
19 Swearword
21 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
23 Had a meal
24 Edible fungi
28 Arabian Night's hero ___ Baba
31 Metal-bearing minerals
32 Dundee denial
33 Lendl of tennis
34 Baby blossom
35 Standard for comparison
37 Bond creator Fleming
38 North American nation
39 Reach or capture by following the trail or scent? (5,4)
44 Vietnamese New Year
47 U2 frontman
48 Spanish cheer
49 Structure for grain storage
50 Prayer ending
51 __ up: bored and tired
52 Keralan festival
53 Soaks flex or hemp in water
54 Flight Guidance Sys.
55 Unsightly

DOWN
1 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
2 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
3 Impartial
4 Sheltered side
5 German economist and socialist
6 Nipa palm
7 Set on fire; enkindled passions in?
8 Dull finish
9 Case for needles
10 Diesel oil, slang
11 Prefix for wine
19 Go wrong
20 U.F.O. pilots
22 American Helicopter Society
24 Unruly crowd
25 Neighbor of Arg.
26 Now and then (2,3,3)
27 Boat propeller
28 Flying a plane or an aircraft
29 Resinous deposit
30 Writing fluid
33 His, hers or ___
35 Himalayan animal
36 Our star
37 Altar items
39 Ski lift - "brat" anagram ? (1-3)
40 Italy's capital
41 Dill - "neat" break-up?
42 Couturier Cassini
43 Marries
45 Israeli carrier (2,2)
46 Suffix meaning "act of cutting"?
49 Former France coin

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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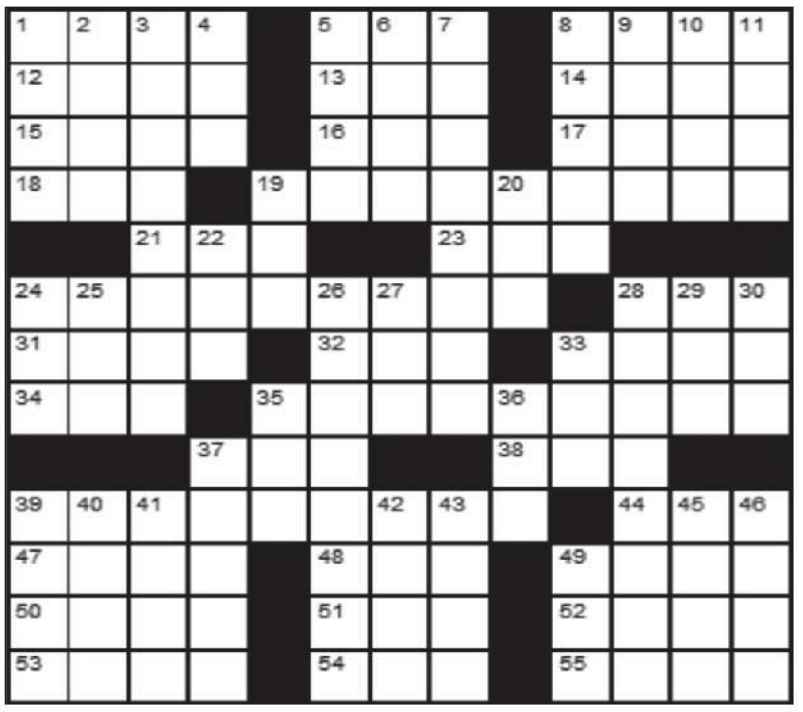

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SAC VJ OACOA VJPAC ZAGNC JNVS PKAWN

ACASWAO. WP WO JNVS PKAWN JVAO, CVP PKAWN

JNWACRO, PKGP YWPWAO ZAGNC PKA ZAOOVC VJ

LBWZRWCF KWFK UGZZO GCR OKWTO VJ UGN.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Duct tape is like the force, it has a light side and a dark side and it holds the universe together.

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Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga (Ta)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 6.15 pm, 8.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Eko (Ma)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Radheyaa (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
I Am God (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Premante (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.05 pm
Wicked for Good (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
12A Railway Colony (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm
Maarutha (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 4.05 pm
The Task (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Radheyaa (K)	:	1 pm, 4.25 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Brat (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	3.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	6.15 pm, 9.35 pm
Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga (Ta)	:	7 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mastiii 4 (H)	:	9.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	10.05 am, 3.05 pm, 8.05 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	10.20 am, 4.05 pm, 10.20 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30 pm
Wicked: For Good (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 5.10 pm, 10.10 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	12.25 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	4.20 pm
The Task (K)	:	4.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	7.10 pm
Now You See Me: Now You Don't (E)	:	7.10 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	9.40 pm
Mask (2025) (Ta)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	9.45 am, 5.25 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Mastiii 4 (H)	:	10.30 am, 2.25 pm, 7.30 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	11.50 am, 7.45 pm
Brat (K)	:	1.25 pm
Raju Weds Rambai (Te)	:	1.35 pm
Middle Class (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	7.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	10.20 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 23)

- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Usha Prakashana, Mysuru:** Book release — senior writer Prof. C.P. Siddashrama's 'Nelada Nakshatragalu' and 'Arivina Deevige' — by veteran littérateur Prof. Ramegowda (RaGow), writers Prof. K. Thimmaiah and Dr. H.L. Shaila will speak about the books, Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, E & F Block, Park Walkers:** 70th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar inaugurates, MLA G.T. Devegowda chief guest, Advocate H.E. Guruswamy (Hinkal) presides, retd. CESC Accounts Officer Mariyappa guest of honour, **5 pm;** Cultural programme by Gurukrupa Sangeetha Kalakshetra and Maruthi Kalatanda, Mysuru and *SaReGaMaPa* and *Drama Juniors* troupes, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, E & F Block, Park managed by Mariyappa and team, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rudra Nrityayogashala:** Fourth edition of Mysuru Odissi Utsav, Sridhar Raj Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru; Ghanashyam Pradhan, President, Puri Jagannath Cultural and Welfare Society, Mysuru; Dr. B.P. Murthy, Working President, Mysore Yoga Okkuta; K. Jyotirmayee Pattnaik, Odissi Dancer and Director, Ariadana Foundation, Bengaluru; and Badari Divya Bhushan, Internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam Dancer from Mysuru, chief guests, Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **5.45 pm onwards.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Yadavagiri:** Centenary celebrations of RK Ashram, Golden Jubilee of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE); Symposium on Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda, RK Vidyashala premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Gana Lahari:** *Gajanoorina Rajaru*, musical evening to pay tributes to Dr. Rajkumar, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Akashvani, Prasar Bharati and Ministry of Culture:** 67th Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse inaugurates, 'Mridanga Taranga' music programme by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy, accompanied by Sameer Rao on flute, Jyotsna Srikanth on violin, Sangeeth Thomas on keyboard, K. Adarsh Shenoy on tabla and Anush Shetty on Talavadya; Veena recital by Dr. S.V. Sahana, accompanied by Arjun Kumar on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC):** 41st edition of Vasundharotsava 2025, Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Preethi Ramaswamy (USA), Dance-Drama 'The Destiny,' based on German folk tale by VPAC students, directed by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, narration by Shubhada Chetan (Germany), music by Praveen D. Rao (Bengaluru); Renowned historian Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat guest of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli Mysore:** Staging of play 'Parameshi Premaprasanga,' written by Srinivasa Prabhu, directed by Raviprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Play *'What If!'* based on *Monto Kathegalu*, directed by V. Shruthi, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 24)

- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Yadavagiri:** Concluding day of 4-day centenary celebrations of RK Ashram, Golden Jubilee of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE); Ushakeerthana, **6.15 am;** Samarpana Samavesha - Symbolic offering of 100 years of service to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Union Minister for Culture & Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat chief guest, **9 am to 1 pm;** Viveka Gatha - A multimedia cultural programme on the making of Vivekananda and his inspiring message, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar chief guest, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi guest of honour, RK Vidyashala premises, Yadavagiri, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Cauvery College of Management:** Induction Programme for MBA and MCA students (2025-26), Bengaluru's NAL Chief Scientist Dr. C.N. Sathyanarayan chief guest, Cauvery Group Education Institutions (CGOI) Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar presides, CGOI MD Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar guest of honour, College Dean Prof. S. Srikantswamy will address the gathering, College auditorium, Deve Gowda Circle, KBL Layout, **11 am.**
- **GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW):** Orientation programme of PG Programme 2025-26, Page Industries (Jockey India) Senior General Manager-Production Baburaj Kottolath chief guest, GSSS President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy presides, Seminar Hall, GSSSIETW, **11 am.**
- **Association of Alliance Clubs International - Krishnadevaraya Alliance Club Kuvempunagar Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations and felicitation to achievers, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan, Vijayanagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Dalita Sangharsha Samiti, State Committee, Bengaluru:** State-level Seminar and Members Registration Drive and Election of Mysuru District Office-Bearers, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Parampare:** Bharatada Samvidhana - Special Lectures, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) and troupe will render patriotic songs, Sri Veereshananda Saraswati Swamiji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Tumakuru, delivers talk on 'Abhivyakta Swatantrya,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC):** Vasundharotsava, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Vaishnavi (Bengaluru), **6 pm;** Mohiniyattam by Vidu. Chitra Sukamaran (Kerala), **6.45 pm;** Bharatanatyam by *Karnataka Kalashree* Vidu. Rajashree Shenoy & *Karnataka Kalashree* Vidu. Sharadamani Shekar (Mangaluru), Rotary Club of Mysore North President Rtn. PHL M. Chandrashekar and Secretary Rtn. PHL A.P. Virupaksha guests of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy, Saraswathipuram, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

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Maarutha (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Mastiii 4 (H)	:	10.30 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sisu: Road To Revenge (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.30 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	1.30 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Wicked: For Good (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm, 7.35 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	4.20 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mastiii 4 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	10.10 am, 3.10 pm, 8.25 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.30 am, 4.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
Kodama Simham (Te)	:	12.15 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	12.50 pm, 5.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Friends (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	4.30 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	7.20 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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